

REPORT OF THE SOLID WASTE CENTER

I would like to thank the taxpayers of Alton for their continued support for 2008.

2008 was another slow year. Tonnage was lower than 2007. The recycling market was excellent for the most part of 2007 until fall when the market fell drastically to the point where recyclables were worth nothing.

I would like to thank my staff for keeping the Center running smoothly and the volunteers who keep the Swap Shop neat.

In closing, my staff and I give extend our sympathy to the families of Joe Fisher and to Jim Washburn who are recently deceased. Joe worked at the center part-time for 12 years. Jim and his wife Frances volunteered at the Swap Shop, plus Jim had served many years on various Boards and Committees for the Town, including the Board of Selectmen.

The following figures represent a break-down of recyclables in tonnage:

Solid Waste	1820
Demolition	958
Metal	120
Aluminum Cans	6
Mixed Paper	87
Card Board	60
Glass	125
Plastics	20
Tin Cans	18
Electronics	30
Shingles	153

REVENUE – REVOLVING FUND
\$47,515

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Simonds, Director

REPORT OF LAKES REGION HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCT FACILITY

The LRHHPF continued to expand its services during 2008. In addition to 6 Wolfeboro HHW collections, including June and August pharmaceutical collections, Alton hosted two HHW collections in July plus its first medicine collection in September. The towns of Alton and Wolfeboro are members of the Facility with households attending by securing a town-specific business card pass from their solid waste facilities. Other towns may attend on a fee basis.

Attending in 2008 were 678 HH, including 58 HH plus 2-55 gal drums from non-member towns. LRHHPF continues to enable non-household disposals directly with the waste hauler and facilitated a DES Hazardous Waste Emergency Permit for an unstable material requiring mobilization of specialized equipment in case of explosion.

During 2009, the Facility will be open the 3rd Saturday of the month May thru October, rain or shine, 8:30 AM-noon. Please mark your calendars for May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, and Oct 17. June 20 and August 15 the Facility in Wolfeboro will host special medicine collections as well as the usual HHW drop-offs.

There will be two additional on-site collections in Alton for their households on July 11 and September 12, 2009. The fall collection includes pharmaceuticals. Alton residents may also attend the Wolfeboro Facility the third Saturday of the month.

Please note the special medicine collections dates as a strict protocol to comply with local, state, and federal regulations requires specialized personnel to accept those products. The number of gallons of pharmaceuticals disposed of increased from 25 for 2006, to 54 in 2007, and more than doubled to 116 in 2008 (9 gal were controlled substances). Public awareness of the dangers of unused prescriptive medications via state and national news reports, the convenience of an Alton collection day, and familiarity with the Facility's third year of pharmaceutical collections, have enabled LRHHPF to appropriately dispose of more than 1 gallon of pills per participating household.

Solid Waste Facility/Transfer Station personnel issue LRHHPF member passes, and assist in myriad ways to educate people about the program for safe, convenient, environmentally sound disposal. The LRHHPF Joint Board thanks them, Pharmacist Brenda McBride, Alton and Wolfeboro Police Depts., and retiring Joint Board member Alan Sherwood for their valuable assistance.

Please bring all hazardous products in their original containers to the LRHHPF Facility, 404 Beach Pond Road. Two bright yellow signs at the entrance near the Solid Waste Facility will guide you on collection Saturdays.

Call Sarah M Silk, Site Coordinator at 651-7530 with questions any time. May thru Oct and on collection days messages can be left at 569-Let's Take Care Of it.

Respectfully submitted for the LRHHPF Joint Board,
Sarah M Silk, Secretary/Vice-chair (Wolfeboro BOS)

Board members: Alan Sherwood, Chair/Treasurer (Alton BOS)
Russ Bailey, Alton Town Administrator (Alton alternate representative)
Kim Koulet, LRPC Exec Dir-advisory position